CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for communicating information between a first wireless communication device and a communications network via a particular second wireless communication device, the communications network being said second wireless communication device's own communications network, the method~~ , comprising:

supplying user identification data of a ~~said~~ first wireless communication device to a ~~said~~ second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network; and

making a ~~contact~~ data transfer connection by said first wireless communication device through ~~from~~ said second wireless communication device to ~~its own~~ said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~second wireless communication device's own~~ communications network is the closest communications network in which said second wireless communication device is arranged to operate.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication device is a communication device of a cellular network, and said ~~second wireless communication device's own~~ communications network is a cellular network.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication device is closer to said communications network than said first

wireless communication device, and a connection between said second wireless communication device and the communications network is identified on the basis of data transmitted from ~~a~~ the first wireless communication device ~~further away from the communications network~~.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication device establishes a connection to its own communications network on the basis of the user identification data of said first wireless communication device and on the initiative of said first wireless communication device.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second wireless communication device establishes a connection to its own communications network on behalf of said first wireless communication device.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein from a particular server of a particular service provider, information content is distributed via said communications network and said second wireless communication device to said first wireless communication device in such a manner that the information content is transferred from said server via said communications network to said second wireless communication device, and the information content is transmitted from said second wireless communication device to said first wireless communication device over a short-range link.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

transferring information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device in such a manner that:

in the section between the first wireless communication device and the second wireless communication device, the information is communicated over a local link, and

in the section between the second wireless communication device and the communications network, the information is communicated over a cellular network connection.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said local link is a wireless short-range radio link.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising providing to said first wireless communication device a communications network service via said second wireless communication device, in which service an information content is transmitted via said communications network and said second wireless communication device to the first wireless communication device.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said user identification data of the first wireless communication device comprises at least one of the following: IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identity) code, IMUI (International Mobile User Identity) code.

12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication device registers to its own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device.

13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second wireless communication device establishes a data transfer connection to its own communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device for transferring information between said first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first wireless communication device is one of the following: PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) device, eBook (electronic Book) device.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, ~~A wireless communication device which is arranged to communicate information with a communications network via a particular second wireless communication device, the communications network being said second wireless communication device's own communications network, the wireless communication device ,~~ comprising:

a transmitter in a first wireless communication device ~~means~~ for supplying user identification data of the first wireless communication device to a ~~said~~ second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network; ~~, wherein the wireless communication device comprises~~

a control unit in the first wireless communication device, coupled to the transmitter, for making a data transfer connection through ~~means for causing~~ said second wireless communication device to ~~make a contact to~~ said ~~second wireless communication device's own~~ communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

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17. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said user identification data comprises an operator identifier.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first wireless communication device is configured to receive a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said user data identification module is a module of a first operator, with the aid of which module the first wireless communication device can register, via said second wireless communication device, to a network operated by said first operator.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~A wireless communication device as claimed in~~ claim 15, wherein said user identification data comprises an operator identifier.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~A wireless communication device as claimed in~~ claim 15, wherein said second wireless communication device is configured to receive a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~A wireless communication device as claimed in~~ claim 21, wherein said user data identification module is a module of a first operator, with the aid of which module the first wireless communication device can register, via said second wireless communication device, to a network operated by said first operator.

23. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first wireless communication device does not have a long-range communication capability necessary to directly communicate with said network.

~~as claimed in claim 16, wherein said user identification data comprises an operator identifier.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 15, ~~A wireless communication device as claimed in claim 16,~~ wherein said first wireless communication device does not have a long-range communication capability necessary to directly communicate with said network.

~~is configured to receive said user identification data from a user data identification module comprised by said second wireless communication device.~~

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26. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:

means in a first wireless communication device for supplying user identification data of the first wireless communication device to a second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network;

means in the first wireless communication device, for making a data transfer connection through said second wireless communication device to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device for communicating data transfer connection information between the wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

27. (NEW) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer executable program code therein;

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for supplying user identification data of a first wireless communication device to a second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network; and

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for making a data transfer connection by said first wireless communication device through said second wireless communication device to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

28. (NEW) A method, comprising:

receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device, receiving the data at a second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network; and

establishing through the second wireless communications device a data transfer connection initiated by said first wireless communication device to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

29. (NEW) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein said second wireless communication device is a communication device of a cellular network, and said communications network is a cellular network.

30. (NEW) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein said first wireless communication device is one of the following: PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) device, eBook (electronic Book) device.

31. (NEW) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein said user identification data of the first wireless communication device comprises at least one of the following: IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identity) code, IMUI (International Mobile User Identity) code.

32. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:

a receiver in a second wireless communication device for receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device, said second wireless communication device being a member of its own communications network;

a control unit in the second wireless communication device, coupled to the receiver, for establishing a data transfer connection through said second wireless communication device to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

33. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said user identification data comprises an operator identifier.

34. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said second wireless communication device is configured to receive a user data identification module comprising said user identification data of the user of said first wireless communication device.

35. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said user data identification module is a module of a first operator, with the aid of which module the first wireless communication device can register, via said second wireless communication device, to a network operated by said first operator.

36. (NEW) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said first wireless communication device does not have a long-range communication capability necessary to directly communicate with said network.

37. (NEW) An apparatus, comprising:

means in a second wireless communication device for receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device, said second wireless communication device being a member of its own communications network;

means in the second wireless communication device, for establishing a data transfer connection through said second wireless communication device to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

38. (NEW) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer executable program code therein;

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for receiving user identification data of a first wireless communication device, receiving the data at a second wireless communication device in the second device's own communications network; and

computer executable program code in said computer readable medium for establishing through the second wireless communications device a data transfer connection initiated by said first wireless communication device to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.

39. (NEW) A system, comprising:

a first wireless communication device having user identification data;

a second wireless communication device in its own communications network;

said first wireless communication device supplying said user identification data to said second wireless communication device;

said second wireless communication device establishing a data transfer connection through itself to said communications network using the user identification data of said first wireless communication device, for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and said communications network via said second wireless communication device.